

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended). A method of delivering bi-polar RF current from a RF source to tissue in a medical procedure comprising

contacting a first tissue region with a first bi-polar electrode,

contacting a second tissue region with a second bi-polar electrode spaced apart from the first bi-polar electrode to form a bi-polar pair of electrodes,

contacting a third tissue region with ~~a third electrode~~ an electrically conductive material having an elongated axis spaced intermediate the ~~first and second~~ bi-polar pair of electrodes, the electrically conductive material being electrically insulated from the bi-polar pair of electrodes,

coupling the ~~first and second~~ bi-polar pair of electrodes, ~~but not the third electrode~~, to a source of RF current, and

applying the RF current between the ~~first and second~~ bi-polar pair of electrodes at a power in a range of about 0.5 to 25 watts for a time period in a range from about 5 to 180 seconds, the ~~third electrode~~ an electrically conductive material serving to direct a path of RF current generally parallel to the elongated axis through the third tissue region.

2 (Canceled).

3 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising~~
wherein applying the RF current is applied between the ~~first and second~~ bi-polar pair of electrodes at a power in a range of about 2 to 10 watts.

4 (Canceled).

5 (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising~~
wherein applying the RF current is applied between the ~~first and second~~ bi-polar pair of electrodes for a time period in a range from about 10 to 60 seconds.